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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Case No. 98,475-B1)

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in re Application of:

Paul Mertens, Marc Meuris, and Marc Heyns

Serial No.: 10/074.706

Filed: February 13, 2002

For: Method and Apparatus for Localized Liquid Treatment of the Surface of a

Substrate

Examiner: Shamim Ahmed

Group Art Unit: 17

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In regard to the above-identified application:

- 1. We are transmitting herewith the attached
 - a. Response to Office Action; and
 - b. Return receipt postcard.
- 2. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- 3. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR §1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper described in paragraph 1, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on October 30, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 30, 2003

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Applicant responds to the Office Action dated July 31, 2003 as follows.